

JUDICIAL

Agency 048

Court of Appeals

Recommendation Summary

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
2003-05 Expenditure Authority	141.1	25,814		25,814
Total Maintenance Level	141.6	26,641		26,641
Difference	.5	827		827
Percent Change from Current Biennium	0.4%	3.2%		3.2%
Performance Changes				
Salary Reclassification		870		870
Additional Staff	4.0	434		434
Goods and Services		44		44
Travel		16		16
Subtotal	4.0	1,364		1,364
Total Proposed Budget	145.6	28,005		28,005
Difference	4.5	2,191		2,191
Percent Change from Current Biennium	3.2%	8.5%		8.5%
Total Proposed Budget by Activity				
Adjudication and Appeals from Lower Courts	146.1	28,005		28,005
Total Proposed Budget	146.1	28,005		28,005

PERFORMANCE LEVEL CHANGE DESCRIPTIONS

Salary Reclassification

Funding is provided to implement the recommendations of the Court of Appeals Personnel Committee's salary survey.

Additional Staff

Additional full-time and part-time staff positions are added to the Court of Appeals.

Goods and Services

Funding is needed to resume courtroom security services, meet rising utility costs, and to purchase replacement equipment.

Travel

Funding is required for the travel costs necessary to resume hearings throughout Division III's jurisdiction.

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS

Adjudication and Appeals from Lower Courts

The primary purpose of the Court of Appeals is to serve as the intermediary appellate court for the state of Washington in the adjudication of laws. Statutes give the Court exclusive appellate jurisdiction in almost all appeals from a lower court decision. Court rules require the Court to accept review of a final judgment entered in any action in Superior Court. The Court operates in three divisions in Seattle, Tacoma, and Spokane.